

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1 and 18 are herein amended and claim 6 is cancelled. Claim 1 is amended to include limitations from claim 6. Support for this amendment is found in original claim 6, and in the specification.

Claim 18 is amended to specify a Markush group of liquids containing suspended particles, and to delineate filtering steps to obtain a clear purified filtrate. Support for these amendments is found in original claim 16, and the specification, Examples 1 and 2 and Tables 1 and 2 and Examples 3 and 4 and Tables 3 and 4.

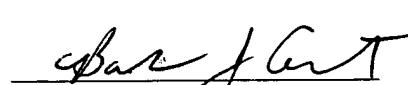
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and a notice of allowance are therefore requested. It is believed that no extension of time is required for this matter. Applicant hereby submits this conditional petition for an extension of time, if needed, and requests that any fee required for timely consideration of this application be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4972.

If the Examiner has any questions as to the allowability of the currently pending claims or if there are any defects which need to be corrected, the Examiner is invited to speak to the Applicant's counsel at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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